

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following new paragraph immediately after the title appearing on page 1, line 1.

This disclosure is based upon French Application No. 0200504, filed January 16, 2002, and International Application No. PCT/FR03/00084, filed January 13, 2003, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please add on a new line the following at page 1, line 4:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 10, and ending on page 2, line 24, with the following amended paragraph:

The document US6073855B describes an apparatus for the reception, maintenance and transmission of information and data. The apparatus comprising a main computer and at least two cards to the PCMCIA format, placed in parallel in a dedicated compartment. An interface affords communication between the PCMCIA cards. The communication interface can divert the data, which must normally pass via a standard bus which physically connects the PCMCIA cards to the main computer, in order to accelerate the transmission of information and data, for example by capacitive, optical or inductive coupling. Since it is a case of accelerating the transfer rate, this document does not make provision for replacing the physical connection with a contactless link ~~as with our GEM1024~~.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please add on a new line the following at page 5, line 8:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add on a new line the following at page 5, line 27:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION